

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

AN IMPROVED MAGNETIC, ANGLE RATE, GRAVITY (MARG) BODY TRACKING SYSTEM

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This thesis proposes the design of an improved Magnetic, Angular Rate, Gravity (MARG) Body Tracking System. The current MARG Body Tracking System is limited to tracking three limb-segments. The MARG sensors are physically connected to a desktop computer by cables.

In this thesis, a multiplexing circuit was implemented to allow tracking of 15 limb-segments. Processing was moved from a desktop computer to a wearable computer and wireless communication was implemented using an IEEE 802.11b spread spectrum wireless LAN. The resultant system is able to track the entire human body and is untethered. The range of the system is the same as that of the wireless LAN which can be extended with the use of repeaters. This thesis work will ultimately allow human insertion into virtual environments for training and other applications.

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